Sun Health Research Institute

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Overview

The Sun Health Research Institute was founded in 1986 as a private, nonprofit biomedical research center dedicated to studies of aging and age-related diseases. With such a mission, the Institute is located precisely where it should be - at the heart of a major retirement center, Sun City and Sun City West, Arizona.

Sun Health Research Institute has become a primary player worldwide in the effort to find answers to aging disorders such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Arthritis. Their research into brain inflammation and Alzheimer's disease, pioneered and driven by SHRI scientists, has now come to fruition with international clinical trials by the National Institutes of Health, other major research organizations, and drug companies. The brain bank at the Institute is one of the most successful programs in the country for securing donation of brain tissue and preparing that tissue for research.

Sun Health Research Institute has a staff of approximately 70, with 27 M.D. or Ph.D. level faculty. The Institute is comprised of 8 separate centers and laboratories for basic research, and one center for clinical research studies.

Sun Health Research Institute is the grantee institution for the Arizona Alzheimer's Disease Core Center, which was funded by the National Institutes of Health in 2001. It is also a member of the state-funded Arizona Alzheimer's Research Center. Sun Health scientists have multiple collaborations with researchers at Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Barrow Neurological Institute, and Midwestern University Glendale Campus.